(b) and (c) The average cost of production of ore at the mines of BGML has gone up from Rs. 918/- per tonne of ore in 1984-85 to Rs. 1443/- per tonne of ore in 1987-88 (Provisional). There is no appreciable increase in the cost of production at the mines of HGML. The Government have, therefore, in Nov., 1987., decided to phase out three uneconomic Kolar Gold Field Mines over a period of 7 years. It has been decided, at the same time, to implement a package of measures, including development of new gold deposits and diversification of the operations of BGML into other areas, to make the Company economically viable.

(d) The steps taken to identify new reserves including intensification of exploration through the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and exploitation of new gold deposits by BGML. The MECL is continuing detailed exploration over the following blocks:

Karnataka States

1. Gadag Gold Field—Hosur Champion East & West Blocks and Mysore Mine Option block.

2. Hutti Gold Field-Buddini and Wandali blocks.

3. Nuggihalli schist belt-Kempinkoto.

Andhra Pradesh:

Kolar schist belt—Old Bisanatham mine and Chigargunta.

Bihar State:

Porojarna Mine block, Kunderkocha gold deposit, Singhbhum District.

Maharashtra:

Kolari gold prospect, Bhandara District.

The GSI is carrying out regional exploration for gold in the Gadag and Hutti Gold Fields (Karnataka) and Kolar schist belt (in Karnataka and its extension in Andhra Pradesh ad Tamil Nadu) as well as in the States of Kerala, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

Outside Kolar Gold Field, BGML has commenced production of gold at Yappamana Mine and is also developing Chigargunta gold deposit (with plans to produce initially 250 tonnes gold ore per day, gradually increasing it to 500 tonnes per day gold ore) in Andhra Pradesh. The production of gold achieved from these mines during 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given below:—

Production (in Kgs)

Year	Yappamana	Chigarqunta
1986-87	102.28	45.3
1987-88 (Provisional)	77.20	65.2

Broadcast of objectionable Slogans on AIR, Patna

3154. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman of 10th July, 1988 under the caption "six years old who got heads rolling" wherein it has been stated that some very objectionable slogans were broadcast over AIR, Patna on the 27th May, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken against the concerned officials of AIR, Patna?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A child of tender age, while participating in the programme 'Gharaunda' broadcast live on 27th May, 1988 from Patna Station of All India Radio unexpectedly made certain utterances of irrelevant and undignified nature, even though the programme had been thoroughly rehearsed earlier. Appropriate action is being taken against those responsible for the lepse. Meanwhile, instructions have been issued to all the Stations of All India Radio that the programmes of this nature should as far as possible be pre-recorded so that recurrence of such an incident is avoided.

Corruption in CWC Godowns in West Bengal

3155. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn about corruption and scandal in CWC Godowns in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that dealers refused to take delivery of Rapeseed Oil Drums as many of them were containing less oil or mixed with water etc.; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports appearing in Statesman dated 21.4.1988 (Calcutta Edition) and Jugantar (Bengali), Calcutta dated 18.6.1988 regarding water being found in Rapeseed Oil drums meant for distribution. There are however no allegations of corruption against Central Warehousing Corporation in the aforesaid press Reports.

(b) It is a fact that out of a consignment of 50 barrels, it was found that 11 barrels contained water. Delivery of these 11 barrels was suspended and fresh stocks issued.

(c) Steps have been taken to investigate the matter. Meanwhile, to avoid hardships to consumers, supplies are being made from alternative source and strict control is being exercised to check deliveries of Refined Rapeseed oil.

Selection of Journalists for Prime Minister's tours

3156. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Council of India has adopted any guidelines regarding selection of Journalists for official visits of Prime Minister as well as those organised by Ministries/Departments of Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether these guidelines have been implemented on Prime Minister's foreign tours?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Press Council of India has recommended the following guidelines for the selection of Journalists for officially sponsored visits:

(i) Regional representation;

(ii) Linguistic representation;

(iii) Avoidance of over representation of any group of news-papers and that multilingual group should not be represented by more than one person;

(iv) Rotation to ensure that even within one region a paper is not invited repeatedly;